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Bridge tolls are going up as of April 1. Cash payments will go up to \$1 and MAC-PASS tolls will go up 20 cents phased in over two years. Story, page 3.

Moose owner still has hope

Says he's feeling good despite his team's losing streak (page 31)

Happy living in Halifax

By the numbers: Haligonians are loving life (page 6)

Search and rescue to be examined

► Federal committee to look into search-and-rescue time concerns after helicopter crashed in 2009 off Newfoundland ► Policies and equipment under scrutiny



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A federal defence committee is coming to town next week looking for answers.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on National Defence wants to know why search-and-rescue aircrafts can get into the air within a half-hour during normal business hours, but require two hours on evenings and weekends.

The committee will be in Halifax next Thursday to speak to personnel at the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre (JRCC), which co-ordinates rescue missions for Atlantic Canada.

"We'll see how the rescue operations (are) co-ordinated and see what role people have and see how it works," said committee member and Newfoundland and Labrador MP Jack Harris.

"We will learn the detail of the operations, but the issue we're looking at is how we can get a better response time and why we don't have a 24-7 response time of half an hour."

"People don't stop fishing and people who are in need of rescue don't stop their activities due to the work schedule of the search and rescue operators."

JACK HARRIS, MP

Halifax will be the last stop on their Atlantic visit: They're also visiting Greenwood, as well as Gander and St. John's in Newfoundland and Labrador. They will hold two open public hearings while in Newfoundland and Labrador next week.

"We need to have a rescue system that's in keeping with the need," Harris said.

When the committee completes its information, it will send a report and recommendations to Parliament.

"These recommendations can be the subject of a vote and debate in the House. So we'll see where it goes," Harris said.

A spokesman for JRCC said yesterday he would not comment on the committee's visit.

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Cost of crossing goes north

Don't ask for whom the bridge tolls — it tolls for your pocketbook.

As of April 1, cash payments at the tolls to the two harbour bridges will go up from 75 cents to \$1, according to a Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board decision released Thursday.

Halifax Harbour Bridges also applied to increase MACPASS rates from 60 to 80 cents this

year, but the UARB said it's going to phase it in over two years.

MACPASS tolls will go up 10 cents as of April 1 and another 10 cents on April 1, 2012.

"Our revenue next year will be about \$2.5 million less than what it would have been (had the increase not been phased in over two years)," said Steve Snider, manager and CEO of HBB.

19-year respite

The last time bridge tolls went up was 1992.

Snider said they need to pay for a \$137-million (in 2009 dollars) redecking by 2016. The commission will also have to borrow significantly to

pay for the construction. The toll increase did not go unopposed.

The UARB received six letters from residents and groups concerned about the increase. The Halifax Chamber of Commerce said it was bad timing when businesses are facing other increases in HST, water and electricity bills.

But the only member of the public to speak at

the November hearing was Dartmouth resident Darren Brackley.

In an interview Thursday, he said it's unfair commuters using the ferry or the bridges have to pay tolls while others using the Bedford Highway or the Armdale roundabout don't.

"Either a toll for everybody or a toll for nobody," he said.

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Dartmouth copper bandits make big mess

- ▶ Quantity of spilled oil not known
- ▶ Street value of stolen copper pieces estimated at \$5 to \$10 each



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Halifax Regional Police are investigating a string of copper-piping thefts that caused four oil spills in east-end Dartmouth.

Around 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, police received reports that the line from an oil tank to a home on Farquharson Street had been cut. Just after 11 a.m., they received a similar report from Duart Hardwood Stairs and Floors on Main Street, which had lines from two 900-litre oil tanks removed.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said they believe the perpetrators were looking to sell the copper as scrap, rather than just senselessly cutting lines.

"The people that did this

Call for tips

Police believe the four incidents are related, all occurring overnight.

- ▶ They're asking anyone with information to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

did it for their own personal gain," he said.

That confuses Lee Hallett, owner of the flooring company, who estimated each pipe could be sold for about \$5 or \$10.

"It boggles my mind," Hallett said, adding he plans to move his tanks into his shop at the cost of manufacturing space.

Later in the day, police received two more similar reports from residences on Tacoma Drive and Weyburn Drive.



▶ A worker walks through an oil puddle next to the Duart Hardwood Stairs and Floors building on Main Street in Dartmouth on Thursday.

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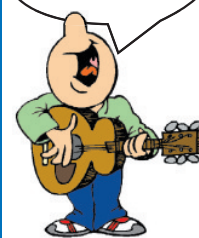
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Schools to get sense of budget soon: Minister

► Education minister to release budget allocations, but not prior to meeting with province's school boards



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Education Minister Ramona Jennex revealed school boards will have a better idea of this year's budget allocations within 10 days.

But how firm those numbers will be is still up in the air.

Jennex told reporters Thursday school boards will receive some clarity on the upcoming education budget by Feb. 6.

"They need to look at their planning and they need that information," she said.

"School boards need their numbers, and I recog-



► Ramona Jennex

nize that. And so we've been working very hard to build that budget based on the information that the school boards gave us."

The boards have been requesting concrete budget numbers for weeks, but Finance Minister Graham Steele previously stated

that wouldn't be possible.

"It's simply too early to be announcing budget figures from a budget that's not going to be delivered for another three months or so," Steele told reporters on Jan. 6.

But Steele said this year's situation is an exception, explaining when there is an increase or no change in funding, boards can plan based on last year's numbers. When facing cuts, the situation is different.

Steele stressed any funding figures received are subject to change.

But Steele said he expects the figures to be "pretty close" to what will appear in the budget.



Murder. Trial

► Jason MacRae leaves Halifax provincial court in this file photo from last year.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Accused appears in court

Jason MacRae's lawyer was in Supreme Court Thursday to set pre-trial dates, with the process to continue on Feb. 17. MacRae is charged with first-degree murder in the 2005 death of his wife, Paula Gallant. MacRae had already waived his right to a preliminary hearing and has elected to be tried by a judge.

City to sell empty lots to fund Central Library

HRM is selling off three empty lots in the Spring Garden Road area.

The three lots were named after the three daughters of the Schmidt family who lived in the area 140 years ago.

The first of the three lots, called Mary Ann, is at the corner of Queen and Clyde streets.

It was recently offered up for development.

Rosina is the site of the old Infirmary on Queen Street and Margareta is on Clyde Street and Dresden Row.

Rosina and Margareta will be put up for sale in the next few years.

The sale of these properties will help pay for the new Central Library. It's also a pilot project for the new Opportunity Sites Task Force to develop publicly owned lands downtown.

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► Metro's new columnist lets the numbers do the talking with specific HRM research
► Topic for Week 1 is quality of life

BY THE NUMBERS

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Haligonians certainly love where they live. Based on research I've conducted,

87 per cent of us report we are very happy living in HRM.

More than 50 per cent feel our quality of life is very good to excellent and another 32 per cent feel it is good.

So why the love?

We feel extremely good about our general lifestyle and the life-to-work bal-

Margin of error

► The poll carries a margin of error of plus or minus five per cent, 19 times out of 20.

ance we enjoy. Our sense of community and our relationship with family and friends are also key to our satisfaction.

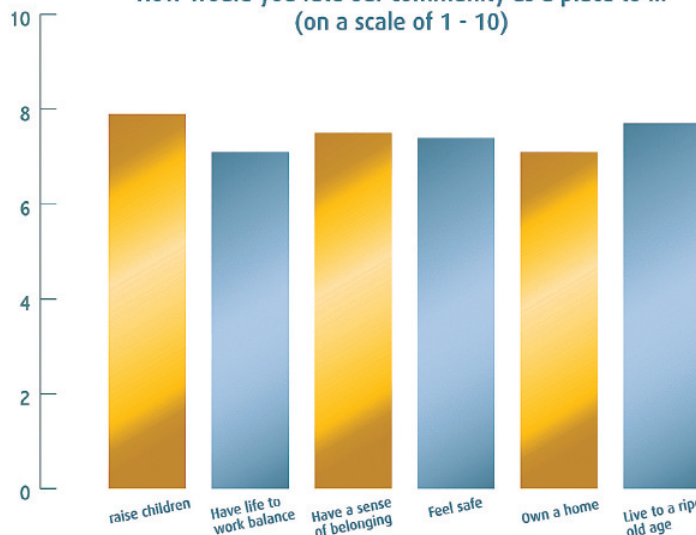
We feel very positive about our general health and well-being — almost 60 per cent rate it as near excellent.

But all is not rosy.

Haligonians rate the quality of their provincial government leadership the lowest in Atlantic Canada.

Also, only people in Prince Edward Island are more concerned than we

How would you rate our community as a place to ...
(on a scale of 1 - 10)



are about the economy, and we also have the highest level of concern

of any citizens in the region regarding the state of our environment and edu-

cation system.

Nonetheless, more than 80 per cent of us

plan to be living here in five years time — which is very positive.

It seems to me a higher sense of confidence in our political leadership at city hall and Province House would add measurably to our confidence and satisfaction levels.

There is a direct correlation between our positive sense of the quality of life and our sense of confidence, and our confidence has been deteriorating consistently over the past decade.

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Unwelcome cocktail sets deck on fire

Two males threw a Molotov cocktail at a residence on Cow Bay Road in Eastern Passage on Wednesday night.

Police say the homeowner heard a loud bang and noticed a fire on the deck around 9:30 p.m.,

but was able to put it out quickly.

The fire caused minimal damage. There were no injuries.

"In any investigation we have to look at all avenues, but we don't believe this house was just picked at random," said Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae.

The two are described as men under 25. Police are also looking for a late 1990 silver Honda Civic with spoiler.

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Last day to donate blood at Gottingen

Canadian Blood Services begins operations at its new Halifax Blood Donor Clinic at Bayers Road Centre on Monday.

The last day for blood donations at the Gottingen Street location is Friday and Saturday for platelets donors. ● METRO

Cape Breton band plan own high school

Nova Scotia's Potlotek First Nation has announced plans to establish its own high school.

The band council on the Cape Breton reserve decided to start the school for grades 9 through 12 at a meeting last Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jail report on early, late release mostly complete



► Justice Minister Ross Landry talks to reporters inside the Burnside jail in this file photo.

Report expected in a matter of weeks: Justice spokesperson



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The internal investigation into one early and one late release from the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside is well into its third month.

Justice Minister Ross Landry said Thursday the investigation, launched in early November, is substantially complete.

But the department still needs time to bring all the information gathered together.

"There's not a hold-up," said Landry. "It's a matter of bringing the various parts together and then presenting me with the report so I get to review it."

Vernon Martell was mistakenly released from the Burnside jail on Nov. 5. A

'Not a hold-up'

Ross Landry expects report to be released "sooner rather than later," but refused to offer a timeline.

week later, it was revealed that another inmate, Robert Jefferies, was kept in custody for 43 days after his sentence was complete.

At the time, Landry said "clerical errors" led to both, but did not elaborate.

While the investigation is complete, Landry said a copy of the report has yet to make it to his desk.

"(Staff) can be away for a day off, or a vacation or whatever. There can be many reasons why they finished the investigation (and) that final report hasn't been done."

News in brief

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



► Peter Kelly

Mayor wagers Rainmen will beat out Mill Rats for Cup

BETTING MEN. Mayor Peter Kelly is putting his faith in the Halifax Rainmen.

Kelly has made a friendly bet with Saint John, N.B., Mayor Ivan Court that the Rainmen will win the inaugural Rogers Fan Cup, announced on Thursday.

The Rogers Fan Cup is a series of regular season Premier Basketball League games between the Rainmen and Saint John Mill Rats.

If the Rainmen win the series, Court must donate \$100 to a charity of Kelly's choice, give

Kelly a case of Moosehead beer, wear a Rainmen jersey to a council meeting, and fly Halifax's flag for a day outside city hall.

If the Mill Rats win the series, Kelly will do the opposite, donating \$100 to a charity of Court's choice, buying Court a case of Keith's beer, wearing a Mill Rats jersey to a council meeting, and flying Saint John's flag for a day outside city hall.

The two teams meet Saturday night at the Metro Centre.

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Province may resort to selling off its lodges

TENDERS ISSUED. Nova Scotia's economic development minister says no decisions have been made yet on the future of three provincially owned resorts.

Percy Paris says several options remain on the table including the potential sale of Digby Pines, Keltic Lodge and Liscombe Lodge.

The province issued tenders last month asking for ideas to improve and ensure the continued operation of the resorts.

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► Wine sales way up, beer sales down slightly: NSLC

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Nova Scotians keep on lovin' their booze.

The net income for liquor sales has increased 3.2 per cent in the third quarter of this year compared to last, according to statistics released Thursday by the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation.

From Oct. 4 to Jan. 2, the NSLC recorded a net income of \$59.8 million on sales of \$151.4 million. In the same period in 2009-10, NSLC had a net income of \$58 million on sales to-

talling \$149.7 million.

Since October, beer sales suffered a drop of 1.1 per cent while wine sales spiked up 7.1 per cent.

Rick Perkins, spokesperson with the NSLC, said a shift in customer buying patterns shows people were buying smaller packs of beer and less often.

"It's not clear yet why," he said. "It's not a trend I've seen in seven years at least."

Beer makes up about 50 per cent of NSLC sales.

When it comes to wine, Perkins said it has actually recovered after a downturn

Another round

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Hezbollah training militants in Gaza: Israel

Israel's cabinet minister in charge of strategic affairs says the Hezbollah guerrilla group has infiltrated agents into the Gaza Strip to train Palestinian militants.

Moshe Yaalon told reporters Thursday that it is "relatively easy" for Hezbollah agents to make the journey from Lebanon.

Gaza is ruled by the Hamas militant group, which, like Hezbollah, is sworn to Israel's destruction. Israel has long accused Hezbollah and its Iranian backers of supporting Palestinian militants, but officials have said little about an actual physical presence of Iranian-backed militia in Gaza. Hamas has denied that foreign forces are in Gaza. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Muslim population on rise: Study

Canada's Muslim community is expected to grow to 6.6 per cent of the population by the year 2030, compared to 2.8 per cent last year. That's according to a report released Thursday by the U.S.-based Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



METRO WORLD LEADERS EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

'All we want is a state of our own': Salam Fayyad

- ▶ Palestinian National Authority plans to declare an independent state in August
- ▶ Prime Minister Salam Fayyad will ask the UN General Assembly for recognition
- ▶ The former World Bank economist is turning the West Bank into a thriving, peaceful area



ELISABETH BRAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

He's the prime minister of the Palestinian National Authority. But to travel between his office in Ramallah and his Jerusalem home, Dr. Salam Fayyad must pass Israeli military checkpoints.

That soon may change. Later this year, Fayyad, an economist and former World Bank official, will ask the UN General Assembly to recognize Palestinian statehood. Fayyad has already transformed Ramallah, the Palestinians' provisional capital, into a thriving city that features international banks and even five-star hotels. In fact, Fayyad is building an unofficial country that he hopes will show the world that Palestinians can govern themselves — and do so peacefully.

Metro met Fayyad at his office in Ramallah.

Are you trying to catapult the Palestinians into a Middle Eastern role model?

All we want is a state of our own. Our right to freedom has always been seen as something we somehow have to earn, which is unfair. But if we can show the world a stable Palestine with a well-functioning infrastructure that provides reliable services to its residents, we'll have created the reality of a state. It will be very hard for the world to ignore it.

Will I be able to call you prime minister of Palestine in September?

You'll be able to call someone prime minister. I'll be the first person to congratulate him or her on becoming the first prime minister of Palestine. We've been waiting for this for so long ... We have to keep up the positive dynamic we've started; we have to keep being persistent to create positive change every day to enable the state of Palestine to be born.

Are you certain it will happen?

Yes. In August 2009, we set ourselves the goal of Palestinian statehood in



PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY
PRIME MINISTER SALAM FAYYAD

August 2011, and here we are. I have no Plan B or Plan C. We have only this plan and we think it's going to work. In order for it to happen, we Palestinians have to believe in it. It's that sense of inevitability we're trying to create by determination and perseverance. If you don't have a timeline, you don't have a good plan. We're working on the ground to get fully ready for the state of Palestine.

What will the geography of Palestine look like?

It will comprise Gaza and the West Bank, and the West Bank includes East Jerusalem. This is the territory occupied in 1967. The two areas will be connected by a safe passage, something that's actually in the Interim Accord between Israel and the Palestinians but hasn't yet happened. The separation of Gaza and the West Bank has contributed to the po-

litical separation that we're going through right now.

Are there other factors?

The state of security. Militias shouldn't be allowed to operate in Gaza. Non-violence has tremendous power. It has worked so many other times in history: In the U.S. civil rights movements and in countries like India gaining independence, and I believe it will work for us, too.

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► ANADIR members meet in Getafe, Spain, on Thursday to demand a probe of allegations that a nationwide group of baby traffickers took thousands of children and sold them.

Seeking Spain's lost children

► Baby-stealing network involved doctors, nurses, midwives, nuns, group says ► 30,000 believed taken

Hundreds of Spaniards searching for lost children or parents filed a petition on Thursday with Spain's attorney general to investigate allegations newborns were stolen from their mothers and sold to other families, a practice they say went on for decades.

Antonio Barroso, 41, said he found out only three years ago that the parents who raised him were not

his biological parents. He said he learned he was sold at birth to another family for 200,000 pesetas. That's the equivalent of \$1,638, worth more at the time.

It is well documented that in the immediate wake of Spain's 1936-39 civil war, babies and children were taken from women who supported the Republican side that was defeated by the right-wing forces of

Gen. Francisco Franco.

Enrique Vila, lawyer for the petitioners' association, ANADIR, said this politically motivated punishment transformed purely into a moneymaking scheme that lasted well past Spain's return to democracy in 1978, and until the mid-1990s.

Investigating magistrate Baltasar Garzon has put the number of stolen children at 30,000. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Brazil. Remembering



► Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff lights six candles in Porto Alegre, Brazil, Thursday in memory of the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust.

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Liberation of Auschwitz remembered

On Jan. 27, 1945, the Soviet army liberated the largest Nazi death camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, where more than one million prisoners were killed.

Canada bars top Tunisians

► Residency revoked ► Ottawa asked to freeze assets, reports say ► Growing unrest sparks protests here

Canada has revoked the residency of members of the Tunisian ruling clan, a government source said late Thursday as anti-government unrest in North Africa and the Middle East spawned protests here.

Belhassen Trabelsi, a billionaire Tunisian businessman and brother-in-law to the ousted president, is believed to have fled to Canada last week and is staying at a Montreal-area hotel.

The family can appeal the decision to revoke their residency status as

well as apply for refugee status, a source said.

"So it's not like they're going to be on a plane tomorrow," the source said. A Citizenship and Immigration Canada aide refused to confirm the revocation, citing privacy laws.

Media reports say Tunisia has formally requested that Canada arrest Trabelsi and freeze the assets of relatives of former Tunisian president Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali.

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Minister resigns

► Tunisia's foreign minister announced his resignation Thursday, state media reported. The TAP news agency announcement about Foreign Minister Kamel Morjane came as the prime minister was expected to reveal the make-up of Tunisia's second interim government since Ben Ali fled the North African country on Jan. 14 after weeks of protests.

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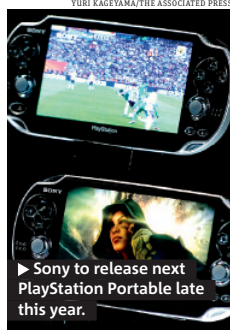
New PlayStation Portable set for release this year

► Popularity of smartphones such as iPhone a possible threat ► iPod, iPad also being used to play games

Sony said Thursday the successor to its PlayStation Portable machine will go on sale late this year, offering the quality of a home console in an on-the-go machine boasting a screen double the size of smart phones.

The NPG, short for next generation portable, has a touch panel in the front and touch pads in the back to allow players to tap on the machine to move images, in addition to the usual buttons and switches.

It also offers a third-generation wireless connection plus the already available WiFi, allowing for more social networking and downloads. Its five-inch screen is



OLED — a different technology from liquid-crystal display — for good colour and image quality about four times better than the current PSP.

Sony said gamers will be able to play games they had been playing on the PlayStation 3 home console without feeling any drop in quality.

Kazuo Hirai, who heads Sony Corp.'s gaming section, proudly held the shiny black machine to cameras, declaring: "This is the NPG."

He did not give a price, regional release plans or other details.

"We will pursue the ultimate in entertainment," said Hirai, president and chief executive of Sony Computer Entertainment Inc., Tokyo-based Sony's gaming unit. "We want to create a revolution in your hands." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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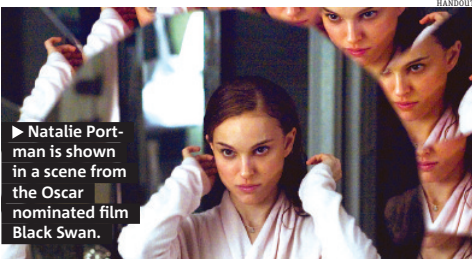
Movie studios seek to cap piracy threat

Every year around now, tens of thousands of DVDs of movies still playing in theatres are sent by Hollywood studios to Oscar, Golden Globe and other awards voters.

Every year, some of these discs are copied, and the movies end up being shared online, where they can cut into theatre-ticket and DVD sales. This time,

studios are taking a new approach to prevent this kind of piracy, and technology is playing a big part.

Ahead of Sunday's Screen Actors Guild awards, Fox Searchlight this month became the first studio to have nearly 100,000 SAG voters view new movies such as *Black Swan* through a free



► Natalie Portman is shown in a scene from the Oscar nominated film *Black Swan*.

download from Apple Inc.'s iTunes store. Paramount Pictures, Focus Features and other studios did the same later with movies such as *The Fighter* and *The Kids Are All Right*.

In all cases, downloads are set to expire 24 hours after being viewed and are not available to the public.

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Illegal upload

► **Prison** The penalty for uploading movies to websites can reach up to three years in prison and a fine for first-time offenders, but the penalties get stiffer for repeat offenders.



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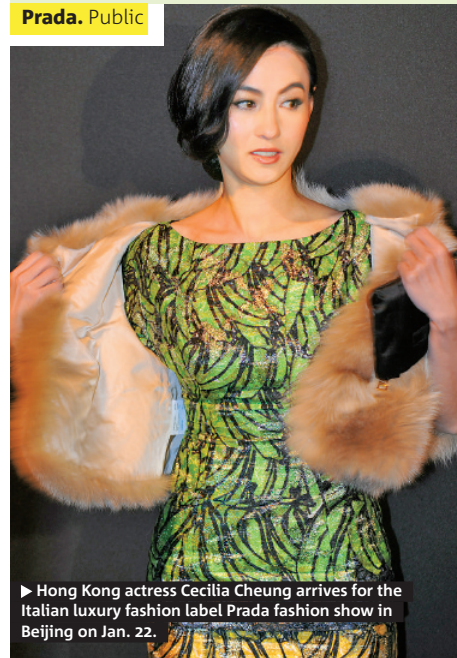
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GM says it doesn't need government loans

General Motors says it is withdrawing its application for \$14.4 billion US in federal government loans it had sought to help modernize plants to build fuel-efficient cars.

GM says it doesn't need the loans now, because the company's cash position has improved and it can pay for the improvements. GM applied for the loans in 2008 to modernize plants to build fuel-efficient vehicles.

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► Calgary's Dan Bennett has been fielding hundreds of inquiries about his song Lights, Camera, Action.

5 MINUTES WITH: 8-HOUR HITMAKERS

As first reported by Metro in Calgary last week, Calgary artist Dan Bennett and friend Dave Wallace of Victoria co-created a song titled *Lights, Camera, Action* in just eight hours to expose "unoriginal" hit music on today's charts.

What's happened since the story ran?

DB: It got posted on Reddit and it became the No. 1 video on there and then it became the No. 1 video on YouTube (last) Friday. DW: I couldn't even keep up with emails. I have 1,800 emails and it was getting picked up by ... all these other sites. It just blew up.

Did you expect this kind of exposure?

DB: No. We thought we'd maybe get another 1,000 views, but stuff goes viral and it goes crazy. DW: No way. For it to go as far as it is now, for me to be getting messages from people in Sweden saying they love it — that it's inspiring them — it's blowing my mind.

Part of the reason you did this was to show how easy it is to make a hit song. Now, with all of this success, do you feel like you're selling out?

DB: No. It's a thought-provoking topic that people

"It's a thought-provoking topic that people want to discuss."

DAN BENNETT

want to discuss. The thing is (Kiss bassist) Gene Simmons contacted us yesterday to make a group that would be about that (kind of music) and if we did that it would be selling out.

Are you serious?

DB: Yeah, someone from his record label sent us a message ... It's pretty cool when one of the main peo-

ple of rock calls, but at the same time we don't want to change our style for anyone.

DW: People are trying to jump on to this success, our 15 minutes of Internet fame, but it's not going to happen. I don't see much coming from this.

So, where do you go from here?

DB: Just keep doing what we're doing, just keep trying to make innovative music.

DW: I have got lots of cool offers from people, lots of career stuff that I can look into.

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It's a bird, it's a plane ...

Worth mentioning and tweets

Surveillance video shows drug smugglers using an old invention as a new way to move marijuana across the border to Arizona from Mexico.

National Guard troops operating a remote surveillance system at the Naco Border Patrol Station say they observed several people preparing a catapult and launching packages over the fence late last week.

A Mexican army officer said the three-metre tall catapult was found about 20 metres from the U.S. border on a flatbed towed by a sports utility vehicle.

The officer said the catapult was capable of

Chronic launcher?



launching two kilograms of marijuana at a time. He said soldiers seized close to 16 kilograms of pot, the vehicle and the catapult.

The smugglers left before they could be captured.

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We asked: Do you have a clever name for the marijuana catapult? No

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Time is almost running out to see a very cool display at a popular Halifax museum. LEGO: City By The Sea is completing its eight-week run at Maritime Museum of the Atlantic this weekend.

These popular, colourful interlocking plastic bricks are everywhere as the LEGO display covers more than 250 square feet, fea-

turing both world landmarks and well-known stars from TV and movies. They include Harry Potter, Count Dracula and Sponge-Bob SquarePants.

The exhibit opened in early December and wraps up Sunday. For more details, including admission prices and hours of operation, call 424-7490.

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Patrick Heily

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I think it would be a good idea overall. Overall, there is a lot of unsettled opinions going around, so I think it would be a great equalizer.



Brent Wilkie

DARTMOUTH

I just find they're a big waste of money and whoever gets in, there's no difference.



► Marta Gastini stars in *The Rite*, which opens today.

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Devil may care

- Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of *The Rite*
- Anthony Hopkins is the best thing about this not-so-scary thriller

Richard Crouse: Mark, if there was an after-school special about exorcism, *The Rite* would be it. It's earnest, has a message and there's even a teenage pregnancy angle. I just wish it was scarier. It's freaky but could really use a few more pea soup and head spinning scenes.

Mark Breslin: A few months ago, Hollywood gave us a movie called *The Last Exorcism*. Aw, come on. They promised! Really, Richard, I found *The Rite* to be a well directed, well acted piece of hokey. If you're a non-believer, there is nothing in this movie to scare you.

RC: Even if you are a believer there's not much there to scare you. Exorcism movies

Plot synopsis

► Based on the book *The Making of a Modern Exorcist*, *The Rite* once again sees Anthony Hopkins in "personification of evil" mode, but just for a few

like this need lots of pea soup and head spinning. Instead we get a demon mule with red eyes. Seriously? It's freaky but not scary. Luckily Anthony Hopkins brings some — ahem — spirit to the proceedings. But is he too much? What did you think?

MB: Hopkins can never do wrong in my book. He is wonderfully entertaining, especially in the second half of the picture when he goes off the deep end.

minutes. He's Father Lucas, a veteran priest and expert in exorcism, who leads a new priest into a wild satanic showdown.

► **Ratings:**
Richard's: ●●●
Mark's: ●½

He's one of the two things I liked about the movie — the other being the actual exorcism scenes, which had a genuine intensity to them. And were there any other actors in the film that even registered for you?

RC: In a word, no. I found most of the other actors rather bland. Even Rutger "Hobo with a Shotgun" Hauer, who can usually be counted on to add a dash or two of crazy, is unusually subdued, and Ciarán

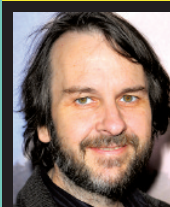
Hinds, usually a majestic figure on film, fades into the background. There's no question, it's Hopkins' movie, but I sometimes felt he was acting in a different movie than everyone else.

MB: And the movie, though not poorly made, seemed beneath Hopkins' usual high standards. In fact, even by the generally low bar that's set for exorcism movies, I thought that *The Rite* was just...wrong.

RC: Yeah, I have very little sympathy for this devil as well. I tried to image the movie without Hopkins, for better and for worse, and when I did there wasn't anything left. He really exercises his exorcisms here and that's the only real reason to see the movie.

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Scene in brief



Lord of the Rings director Peter Jackson has undergone surgery for a perforated ulcer in his native New Zealand.

Publicist Melissa Booth says Jackson was admitted to Wellington Hospital suffering from severe stomach pains.

She said yesterday that Jackson was resting comfortably and is expected to make a full recovery.

Jackson's illness will delay the start of filming for *The Hobbit*.

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Taiwan's Jay Chou brings music to his kung fu role in *The Green Hornet*

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**The Mechanic****Genre:** Action**Director:** Simon West**Stars:** Jason Statham, Ben Foster, Donald Sutherland

Jason Statham is possibly the last hard man action hero left in a genre superseded by superhero theatrics. Boasting a shiny head and a grizzled voice made to spit out one-liners,

the actor is a throwback to a time when efficient action/thrillers like *The Mechanic* dominated the popcorn crowd. The film is hardly an original spin on the genre, but hits all the necessary beats without wasting a second of screen time or attempting to transcend its B-movie origins. It's simply an update of an old Charles Bronson movie

about a professional assassin forced to kill his former mentor and then train the victim's son out of loyalty. Nothing more, nothing less.

The *Mechanic* requires zero brainpower, but delivers its thrills so effectively that it's hard not to be seduced by its mindless pleasures.

● PHIL BROWN

**Blue Valentine hits a nerve****Blue Valentine****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Derek Cianfrance**Stars:** Ryan Gosling, Michelle Williams, John Doman

Whether one thinks *Blue Valentine* is a sincere meditation on the fragility of relationships or an actors' showcase for Ryan Gosling and

Michelle Williams, there's no doubt it works: juxtaposing the (possible) end of a marriage with halcyon scenes of its beginnings, director Derek Cianfrance understands how to hit a nerve.

There are flaws (like an overplayed blowout argument in a hospital and an obtrusive score by indie heroes Grizzly Bear) but the sheer power of the performances carries the day.

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SAG says see ya to paper ballots

► Three tons of paper to be saved this year as the Screen Actor's Guild moves voting online ► We make small steps every year: SAG Producer

Lots of Hollywood productions celebrate their eco-friendliness, but the Screen Actors Guild Awards has made one of the greenest moves yet: It has all but eliminated the paper ballot.

The union's annual show, which recognizes the best performances in TV and film, urged its 125,000 members to vote online for this year's winners and only sent paper ballots to those who specifically requested them.

But it wasn't without risk. Though members were notified of the shift in the November issue of the union's magazine, some still expected the traditional paper ballot. Pundits say that online voting may alienate some of SAG's less tech-savvy members.

SAG producer Kathy Connell contends that members handle all kinds of union business online, and SAG Awards staffers are on hand to answer any awards-related questions.

The guild has offered online voting for the past five years, but previously backed up that offer with a paper ballot.

"We've been sending the printed ballot and each year, more and more people chose to vote online," Connell says. "We thought there might be a possibility of a few people who weren't as comfortable (without) a printed ballot. When we get to the end, we'll see what the results are."

She declined to reveal how many paper ballots were requested or how many votes are typically cast.

While Connell says the move to paperless voting is the show's most dramatic green effort yet, the SAG Awards are always aiming to be more environmentally friendly. The Environmental Media Association, a non-profit group that promotes sustainability in Hollywood, has recognized the show's ecological efforts two years in a row.

SAG Awards voting closes Friday. The awards will be presented Sunday at the Shrine Exhibition Center.

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► Actor Ernest Borgnine, shown above, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Screen Actors Guild Awards on Jan. 30, 2011.

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► Jay Chou, left, and Seth Rogen star in *The Green Hornet*.

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Breezy's new beginning

► With 3 Grammy nods, a No. 1 song and an upcoming CD, focus has returned to music for Chris Brown

Two years ago, the Grammy Awards appeared to mark the end of Chris Brown's career.

This year, it is serving as a new beginning.

Life for the multi-platinum sensation dramatically changed on the eve of music's biggest night in 2009, when he assaulted then-girlfriend Rihanna and both were forced to bow out of the ceremony.

In the months that followed, he saw his reputation tarnished. He had to plead guilty to a felony, and his comeback CD, *Graffiti*, was a commercial disappointment.

But with the success of his brush-off anthem *Deuces*, three nominations at this year's Grammys (including best contemporary R&B album), an upcoming CD and an Australian tour in April, the focus on Chris Brown has returned to his music, without adding the Rihanna-prefix.

"We feel good now that everybody's talking about his music, which is exactly what Chris' intention is," said Tom Carrabba, the executive vice-president and



► Chris Brown

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general manager of Jive Label Group, Brown's home label since he released his first album at age 16. (Brown's representative said the singer would not be interviewed for this story and, as of now, would not be attending the awards).

Carrabba says Brown has a newfound confidence, which he believes is the reason for the singer's current success.

"I think when he was a little bit younger he was still trying to find his way a

"Some people might have forgot, but then once you see him perform, you understand the gift that he has."

TOM CARRABBA, JIVE LABEL GROUP

little bit and fine-tune his craft. But I think over the last two years he's absolutely developed a confidence and is very secure in his decision-making process,"

Carrabba said.

Brown, now 21, is serving five years of probation after pleading guilty to felony assault for the attack on Rihanna in the early morning hours before the 2009 Grammys. The Virginia native was commended in November for completing more than one-third of the required 180 days of community service and for almost finishing his domestic violence counselling.

Over the past year,

Brown has released a flurry of music. After *Graffiti*, released in December 2009, failed to create a buzz for the singer like his past albums, Brown put out various mixtapes. One of those, *Fan of a Fan*, a collaboration with rapper Tyga, featured *Deuces*, a mid-tempo tune that hit No. 1 on Billboard's R&B/Hip-Hop songs chart for nine weeks; the platinum-selling single peaked at No. 14 on the Hot 100 chart. The music video for the song was No. 1 on BET's Top 100 videos of 2010. Brown, who has acted in movies such as the popular *Stomp the Yard*, also hit No. 1 at the box office last year as part of the ensemble cast in the heist film *Takers*, which also

starred rapper T.I. and Idris Elba.
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We're not even a month in and 2011 has not been kind to the recording industry.

Without getting all apocalyptic about it, there's enough going on to make any observer wonder if the Mayans weren't talking about the world of music. CD sales are off to a bad, bad start. The year started with Taylor Swift holding on to the No. 1 position on the Billboard album charts by selling just 52,000 copies of *Speak Now*. That entire week saw just 5.4 million units sold across the entire U.S., an all-time low. And then it got worse.

The following week, *Cake's Showroom of Compassion* ended up at No. 1, selling just 44,000 copies.

Aggregate sales were 4.9 million units. That's beyond ugly. Things aren't any better in Canada with sales trailing last year by around five per cent already. And last year was rubbish.

Sales of digital releases and vinyl are leveling off: While digital sales were up significantly around the globe in 2010 — six per cent or so — sales growth is still declining. And any growth in these areas hasn't been able to offset the margins lost with declining CD sales. Global recorded music revenue fell about nine per cent last year.



► Taylor Swift

Dearth (death?) of rock: The anemic 1-2 finish of *Cake* and *Cage the Elephant* on the Billboard charts a couple of weeks ago, was the first time we saw two rock records at the top since — well, I can't remember when. Scan any album chart in the world and you'll see precious few rock releases in the top 50. Rock is almost completely absent from the singles charts. Hope is on the way — Coldplay, U2, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Soundgarden and other superstar acts all have releases in the pipeline, which might get the public excit-

ed — but for the moment, the idea of rock being the prevailing style of popular music is over.

The future of the concert industry: Declining CD sales mean that acts have to tour more to make up for the lost revenue. But touring is expensive and exhausting. Economies of scale allow superstar acts to make buckets of money, but it's really, really tough for young, developing acts. Who's looking after their interests?

Then again, it's early. Maybe things will improve. Maybe.



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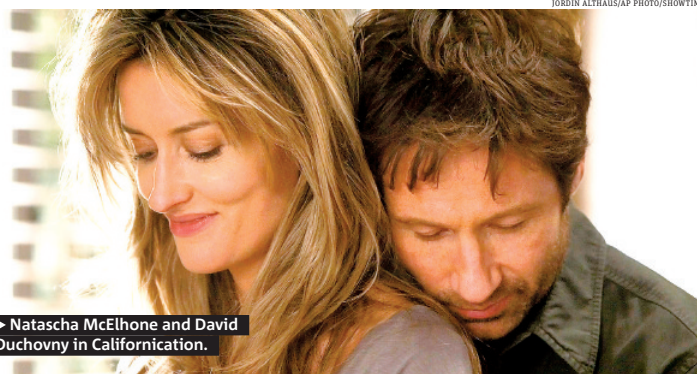
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► Natascha McElhone and David Duchovny in *Californication*.

Going for laughs on Californication

► Actress Natascha McElhone takes on comic role in Showtime series after a career of mostly serious roles

Natascha McElhone faces dual challenges as Karen on *Californication*.

For one thing, McElhone is gorgeous: willowy, ethereal, with lofty cheekbones. So how is she supposed to make viewers believe that Karen's boyfriend, Hank (David Duchovny), would habitually stray from that fine a woman?

Meanwhile: How to portray Karen as a character the audience respects,

even as she welcomes him back, over and over, from his dalliances?

Somehow, McElhone pulls it off. She makes codependency enchanting on this raw, outrageous Showtime comedy, which, in its fourth season (with a fifth announced), airs Mondays at 9:30 p.m. EST on TMN.

"Rather than wishing to change him," says McElhone, "she's trying to make him re-

alize his best self — as much for his sake as hers and their daughter's." There's some form of true love between them, however volatile and funny.

In the past, the 39-year-old British native has played characters as varied as an artist's muse (*Surviving Picasso*), an Irish terrorist's lover (*Devil's Own*), a fantasy woman (*The Truman Show*) and a nun unraveling prophecies (*Revelations*). But until *Californication*, she hadn't had much chance at comedy.

Her first contact with the show's creator, Tom Kapinos, was a transcontinental telephone call.

"I had to make him laugh on the phone," she says. "And we laughed!"

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From Dallas cheerleader to Fairly Legal actress

► Sarah Shahi stars in new Showcase drama

Feel there are too many doctors, lawyers and police officers on TV?

Sensing a backlash, networks are starting to fudge things a bit, introducing new shows featuring doctors who are more like Indiana Jones-esque jungle medics (ABC's *Off The Map*) or fired lawyers who set up practice in a shoe store (NBC's *Harry's Law*).

Another such show is *Fairly Legal*, a new U.S. cable drama premiering Feb. 2 in Canada on Showcase. The series, set in San Francisco but shot in Vancouver, stars Sarah Shahi (*The L Word*) as Kate Reed, an ex-lawyer who quit her late father's high-powered law firm to become a mediator.

Reed is an independent kind of gal. For one thing, she lives on a houseboat out in the harbour. She has the occasional sleepover with her ex-hubby Patrick (Michael Trucco from *Battlestar Galactica*) but she's not looking to rekindle an old relationship.

"The only place these two can agree is underneath the sheets," says Shahi. Her character may be a mediator, but don't ask her to work out conflict in her personal life.

Instead, Reed throws herself into her work, even though she hates her boss Lauren (Virginia Williams from *The O.C.*), an icy blond boss who just happens to be Reed's wicked stepmother. When Reed's mobile rings, it lights up emerald green and plays the wicked witch of the west theme from *The Wizard of Oz*.

A Texas native of Persian descent (real name: Aahoo



► Sarah Shahi plays mediator Kate Reed in *Fairly Legal*.

Jahansouz Shahi), Shahi admits she stumbled — or perhaps cart-wheeled — into acting. She tried out for the Dallas Cowboys cheerleading squad because she thought that might lead to a shot on Saturday Night Live. She made the cut, but don't ask her who is in this year's Super Bowl. She leaves the football picks these days to her actor husband, Steve Howey (*Reba*).

Her breakthrough role came playing a Mexican-American on *The L Word*, which was also shot in Vancouver. She was delighted to return to British Columbia last summer and fall to shoot the first 10-episode season of *Fairly Legal*. "I love Vancouver," she says. "It's definitely my home away from home."

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British import now in Canada

LUTHER. It's easy to miss the acclaimed British import *Luther*, even if you're aware of all the hype — this psychological crime series has a noon-hour time slot despite its prime-time leanings. (Friday, Showcase)
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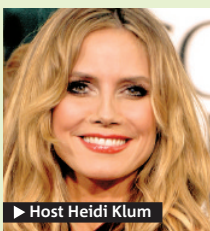
Set your sights on Blindness

BLINDNESS. A strange epidemic causes people to lose their eyesight in *Blindness*, an adaptation of the Jose Saramago novel. (Saturday, Bravo)
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Enter a world of espionage

SPY WARS. This offers a glimpse into the world of espionage while probing the unsolved murder of Saddam Hussein's top weapons expert, Gerald Bull. (Sunday, Discovery Channel Canada)
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TV picks



► Host Heidi Klum

Hats inspire next Runway

PROJECT RUNWAY. On tonight's *Project Runway*, Season 8, the designers must use hats created by British milliner Philip Treacy to inspire their design. (Saturday, Slice)
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New Canadian series debuts

BLACKSTONE. The new Canadian series *Blackstone* explores power and politics on a First Nations reserve. The premiere episode kicks off with a newly elected female chief struggling to lead a broken community after years of corruption from the old

Stewart puts clout behind memorial

Comedian and activist Jon Stewart was appointed to the National Sept. 11 Memorial & Museum board, which is building the Sept. 11 memorial in New York.

The host of *The Daily Show* on Comedy Central recently used his show to champion a federal bill that provided billions to treat people who became ill after working in the ruins of the World Trade Center.

Joe Daniels, the foundation's president, says Stewart



► Jon Stewart

art is an important public figure and a regular New Yorker who saw the world change on Sept. 11, 2001.

The memorial — twin reflecting pools set above the fallen towers' footprints — is set to open to the public by this Sept. 11. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Anything but bored

▶ With HBO's *Bored to Death*, veteran actor Ted Danson rediscovers his enthusiasm for TV



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Veteran TV actor Ted Danson has been enjoying something of a career renaissance with his work on *Damages* and now on HBO's *Bored to Death*, something Danson chalks up to a rekindled interest in television and acting in general. He sat down with Metro to talk about returning to TV.



▶ Ted Danson

It must be hard to get through a scene with co-stars Zach Galifianakis and Jason Schwartzman without laughing.

Especially Zach. I mean, Jason is incredibly talented, but Zach has one of those faces that as soon as he says anything you have to check whether or not you should be laughing or taking it seriously. Everybody says they love going to work, everybody says the cast loves each other. We really do.

Are you enjoying being back on television?

Yes, starting with *Damages*. *Damages* really kind of turned a corner for me. I got excited about acting again, and I was doing something a little different. I think I had stayed at the half-hour situation comedy party too long — for me, because I was boring myself. I felt like, Ugh, I've done that. And to do something very different

and very creative like *Damages* gave me a new lease on life. And *Bored to Death* followed along that line.

You're something of a scene-stealer in *Bored to Death*.

Well, if you're 63 — I'm 63 now — and you get to smoke dope and chase after women at an inappropriate age, it's hard not to steal a scene.

You have a pretty serious plot-line in the second season.

I do. But done in such a way that it's hysterical. I am diagnosed with prostate cancer by this rather beautiful urologist. My old urologist retired, and in walks this beautiful woman to give me my exam. And we fall madly in love. But it's one of the funniest scenes I've ever been in in my entire life.

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Lohan considers restraining order

► Forced to call 9-1-1 on aggressive paparazzi after chased at high-speeds

Lindsay Lohan is so fed up with the paparazzi following her that she is now getting the police involved.

The actress called 9-1-1 after growing "scared and frustrated" with photographers who forced her into a "high-speed chase," according to Radar Online.

Lohan may be trying to build a case for a restraining order against one photographer in particular.

"One of the photographers was the same paparazzo who followed her when she was at the Betty Ford Center in Palm Springs," a source says. "He drives a Prius with tinted windows and follows her everywhere she goes, often speeding and running up to her when she stops at traffic lights."

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When Chelsea Handler and 50 Cent split up last month, it was reportedly Handler who ended things, leaving the rapper "heartbroken," according to Hollyscoop.

And after she sent him packing prior to the holidays, 50 Cent "spent Christmas sending her

gifts, but she sent them back," a source says.

"She put a note on one that said, 'I can buy my own gifts.'"

Handler is now reportedly dating hotelier Andre Balazs.

"He's exactly her type," the source says.

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Talking points

Neighbours sick of Sheen

PEOPLE Charlie Sheen's partying lifestyle is reportedly wearing thin with his neighbours in the tony Mulholland Estates in Los Angeles, according to the National Enquirer.

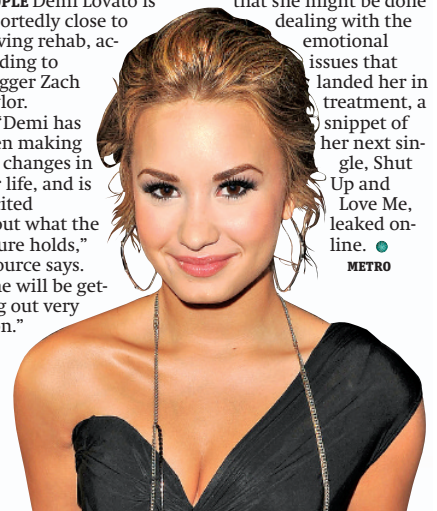
"Charlie may be a big TV star, but he's not the type of neighbour we want here," one neighbour says. "We're all sick and tired of the stream of people coming and going from his house at all hours of the day, helicopters circling our houses and dodging photographers and media every time we pass through our gates. Enough!"

Coincidentally, Sheen is reportedly looking to sell his multimillion-dollar home there. ● METRO

Lovato set to leave rehab

PEOPLE Demi Lovato is reportedly close to leaving rehab, according to blogger Zach Taylor.

"Demi has been making big changes in her life, and is excited about what the future holds," a source says. "She will be getting out very soon."



And the same day that word started to spread that she might be done dealing with the emotional issues that landed her in treatment, a snippet of her next single, Shut Up and Love Me, leaked online. ● METRO

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Russell Brand
[@rusty-rockets]

Thanks for my award, you beautiful British bastards. Comedy is our best defence against pain. In conjunction with medical expertise.



Jessica Alba
[@jessica-alba]

Let lag you will not defeat us! Last day in Paris. Shopping shopping shopping



Simon Pegg
[@simon-pegg]

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Ingredients:

- 200 g grated parmesan
- 50 g shaved parmesan
- 200 g porcini mushrooms
- 100 g arugula
- 1 lemon
- 1 clove garlic
- 20 g parsley
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Preparation:

- 1 Heat pan and pour grated parmesan to cover the pan evenly, cook for about 1 minute and pull over a cappuccino cup to make form. Let cool.

- 2 Cut the porcini mushrooms into small slices, add the chopped garlic, lemon juice and the chopped parsley and some salt and pepper.

- 3 Mix arugula with olive oil and salt.

- 4 Put the parmesan basket on plate, arrange arugula in it and the porcini mushrooms on top.

- 5 Garnish with olive oil and shaved parmesan. **NEWS CANADA**



► This Parmesan Basket can be made with only eight ingredients.

Shrimp Risotto with Pomegranate Seeds

Ingredients:

- 200 g shrimp
- 240 g Carnaroli rice
- 2 tbsp dry white wine
- 50 g parmesan cheese
- 40 g butter
- 2 lemons
- 30 g onion
- 1 pomegranate (seeds)
- 1 ltr vegetable broth
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Preparation:

- 1 Warm the oil in a pan and add the chopped onions. Then, add the cleaned and peeled shrimp. Cook for about 5 minutes, then add the rice, cooking for approx-

imately 3 minutes more.

- 2 Add the white wine and let it vapourize then add the lemon rinds and hot vegetable broth. While cooking the rice, stir continuously.

- 3 Once the rice is cooked, remove the pan from the flame and let it rest for 2 minutes.

- 4 Add the butter, the parmesan, the lemon juice, half of the pomegranate seeds and stir quickly. Serve on plates garnished with the rest of the pomegranate seeds. **NEWS CANADA**



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This winter, fire up the barbecue for the perfect meatloaf sandwich



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► Up the ante on this meatloaf sandwich by adding Swiss cheese or caramelized onions.

Ingredients:

Meat Loaf

- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) ground beef (80 per cent lean)
- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) ground pork
- 500 ml (2 cups) panko breadcrumbs
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely chopped yellow onion
- 1 large egg
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) granulated garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried tarragon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper

Sauce

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) bottled barbecue sauce
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) ketchup

Sandwiches

- Sourdough bread
- Provolone cheese (optional)

Preparation:

- 1 In a large bowl, gently combine meat loaf ingredients.
- 2 Divide meat loaf mixture in half and form into 2 loaves, each about 10 cm (4 inches) wide and 15 to 18 cm (6 to 7 inches) long. Place loaves on a sheet pan.
- 3 Prepare grill for indirect cooking over medium-low heat (about 150 C/300 F).
- 4 In a bowl, mix sauce ingredients. Set aside half of the sauce. Top each meat loaf with 45 ml (3 tbsp) of the remaining sauce and coat thoroughly.
- 5 Brush cooking grates clean. Using a metal spatula, gently pick up each loaf from the sheet pan and place directly on the cooking grate. Grill meat over indirect medium-low heat, with the lid closed, until a thermometer inserted horizontally through the top of each loaf registers 68 C (155 F), 50 minutes.
- 6 Remove loaves from grill and let rest for 10 minutes. Once removed, the loaves will continue to cook, allowing them to reach the recommended 70 C (160 F) for ground beef and pork. Cut loaves into 1-cm (1/2-inch) slices and serve with reserved sauce.

- 7 To make sandwiches: Cut meat loaf into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick slices and slather both sides with reserved sauce. Grill over direct low heat 120 to 180 C (250 to 350 F), with the lid closed as much as possible, for minutes, turning once. Serve on sourdough bread with melted cheese, if desired.

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Don't let the cold temperatures stop you from firing up the barbecue to put together a fabulous feast.

"Steaks and anything barbecued always tastes so much better in the winter, maybe because you haven't had them for so long," says grilling guru Naz Cavallaro, who thinks nothing of starting up his grills all winter long.

That's right — grills. The Whitby, Ont., resident has a half-dozen outdoor cooking surfaces that he uses year-round.

"I have a couple of grills that are close to my patio door. I use the smoker a lot during the winter. You set the temperature up and do something that takes a couple of hours or more outside, like ribs.

"I do a lot of ribs. Definitely slow and low (when) cooking proteins. Pork or a roast — things that I don't have to go and check too many times."

The key to wintertime grilling is to use a digital thermometer.

Cavallaro's device has a monitor he clips to his belt that alerts him when his food is ready — and then he doesn't have to keep going out in the cold to check on it.

Cavallaro, who is also a spokesman for grill manufacturer Weber, advises keeping the lid down on the barbecue as much as possible.

"Don't open it too much. The more you open it, the longer food takes to cook. In winter, every time you open it, it can take five to 10 minutes to get it back to the temperature you want."

With Super Bowl Sunday right around the corner many football fans will be having get-togethers, and nothing beats hot food straight off the grill, says Cavallaro.

"The best part of it is that all the mess, and all the smells stay outside and doesn't linger inside the house for a couple of days."

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Breen shoots to the top at Scotties

Theresa Breen is alone atop the leaderboard at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts Nova Scotia curling championship in Kentville.

The seventh-seeded Mayflower skip posted wins over top-seeded club-mate Heather Smith-Dacey and fourth-seeded Coralie Richard of Sydney on Thursday to improve her record to 4-0 at the Glooscap Curling Club.

Breen's rink features mate Kristen MacDiarmid, second Helen Radford and lead Mary Sue Radford.

Smith-Dacey and unaffiliated Sarah Rhyno are tied for second at 3-1, while Mayflower skips Jennifer Crouse and Mary-Anne Arsenault are next at 2-2.

The final round-robin draw at the event will be held on Saturday morning, while the final is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. The winner advances to the national Scotties starting Feb. 19 in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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Cave will fight again in weekend match

Halifax's Tyson Cave will return to the ring on Saturday night at Palooka's Boxing Club on Göttingen Street.

Cave, who is 12-1 with one knockout as a pro, will face Vancouver's Nestor Bolum, who is 8-1 with one knockout.

Doors open for Palooka's Fight Night at 6:30 p.m.

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Moosehead coach hasn't lost hope

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



► Mooseheads owner/head coach Bobby Smith.

► Smith optimistic going into game against lowly Baie-Comeau



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After eight straight losses, 45 goals allowed and three weeks of hand-wringing in Moose Country, Bobby Smith isn't pushing the panic button. "People are feeling horribly down ... I am not," says the Halifax Mooseheads owner and head coach.

"We're going with the young guys, we're playing hard and we'll get where we need to get."

At least in the standings, the Mooseheads — in the third year of a slow rebuilding process — have been going absolutely nowhere, 15th overall out of 17 teams with a 14-30-3 record.

Smith acknowledges things haven't been perfect lately, but says the defensive lapses the Mooseheads have been prone to are understand-

able for a team with an average age of 17.7.

"It's a young, inexperienced team," Smith says. "You don't correct a mistake in September and it's corrected forever."

When lapses happen, Smith says, the Mooseheads don't yet have the horses to recover.

"When you have high-end players, hey, you can afford to do that," he says. "We can't."

The Mooseheads play three games in 48 hours starting Friday at the Metro Centre against the Baie-Comeau Drakkar, followed by visits to the Moncton Wildcats on Saturday and the P.E.I. Rocket on Sunday.

The Drakkar are 7-34-9 and have lost nine of their past 10 games.



*For weekend coverage of the Mooseheads, visit

metronews.ca/qfiles or follow @metroqfiles on Twitter.

Rainmen notes

The Rainmen's three remaining games scheduled against the Frost Heaves will be played against the Saint John Mill Rats and Quebec Kebs.

► Sharp-shooter Desmond Ferguson will be out until at least Feb. 17 with an Achilles heel injury.

Vermont's loss is Halifax's gain

The Halifax Rainmen picked through the scraps of the Vermont Frost Heaves yesterday and added a top scorer from one of their oldest rivals.

The Rainmen nabbed six-foot-five guard Julian Allen in the Premier Basketball League's dispersal draft Thursday after the Frost Heaves folded late Wednesday because of fi-

nancial shortfalls.

Allen was second in Frost Heaves scoring with 16.7 points per game.

"Julian gives us a better athlete, a bigger, better scorer and he's more greedy," Rainmen owner Andre Levingston said. "All teams are getting better, and we just need more production from that spot."

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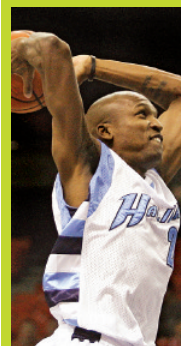
"Sometimes you get stronger through subtraction ... I see it as a positive, because the teams remaining are very strong teams."

RAINMEN OWNER ANDRE LEVINGSTON ON THE PBL CONTRACTING TO SEVEN TEAMS

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"I've been here for four years. I'm used to changes. As captain of the team, I let the guys know this is minor-league basketball, these things happen. You just have to get ready for the next game."

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A NATION LOOKS BACK ON GRETZKY'S JOURNEY

Opinion

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Disbelief. It wells up when considering Wayne Gretzky's arrival at the unthinkable age of 50.

Maybe it's because "the Great One" has been the first truly remarkable hockey player to mature in such a

public fashion. More than one generation of Canadians clearly recall him as the prodigal son. He was the magician who transported Edmonton to the centre of hockey's universe. He had the Midas touch.

"He was playing a man's game, but he was a boy," says Kelly Hrudey, an Edmonton native and longtime teammate of Gretzky with the Los Angeles Kings. "But I think he changed and made himself so much better."

Indeed, Gretzky represents the last dynasty, the boy who became king in more ways than one.

A nation watched him weep at being traded, some say sold, in order to fashion the gold rush to hockey's sunbelt. There was the spectacle of a wedding to a Hollywood personality.

Gretzky, mimicking Peter Pan, took Los Angeles close to the Stanley Cup and made the world take notice of Canada's beloved game.

Even in his declining competitive years when Gretzky migrated to Broadway, the mystical powers that allowed him to be at the right place at exactly the right time were still evident.

Somehow, as hockey's

finest players were allowed to take part in the Olympics in 1998, the Great One was left on the bench at a defining moment for Canada and a loss to the eventual champions from Czech Republic ensued.

It's tough to recall that moment. It was maybe the last gasp of his youth gone in a whisper. But he held his head high and soldiered on.

In retirement, Gretzky led Canada to Olympic gold but couldn't translate his genius as coach of the Phoenix Coyotes.

Now, he is rarely seen or heard, perhaps revealing in the quiet time he has earned. But a landmark birthday causes his glory to be paraded out for a lightning-quick period of reflection and admiration.

"He was the best, no doubt about it," says Hrudey. "He had no faults as a player and even better qualities as a human being."

Still, there is a nagging sense of disbelief.

The Great One has made the journey from child star to distinguished hockey elder much too soon.

It is the fleeting nature of superstardom.



▶ Roger Federer lost to Novak Djokovic on Thursday.

Stars falling at Australian Open

- ▶ Federer loses in straight sets for first time since 2008
- ▶ Djokovic will face either Ferrer or Murray in final

First Rafael Nadal, now Roger Federer.

The 16-time Grand Slam title-winning Federer was knocked out of the Australian Open 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-4 on Thursday by 2008 champion Novak Djokovic.

The talk before the tournament was of a blockbuster final between Nadal, going for his fourth straight Grand Slam win, and Federer, who was aiming for his fifth Australian title and perhaps the only player who could stop him.

Instead, after Nadal was eliminated by fellow Spaniard David Ferrer in an injury-induced straight-set loss Wednesday, and now Federer heading home, it will be Djokovic in the final against either Andy Murray or Ferrer — they play their semifinal

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Federer's all-time record against Djokovic.

on Friday. "I'm looking forward to watching that match tomorrow from my bed with some popcorn," Djokovic said. "David played a fantastic match against Rafa even though Rafa was struggling obviously with injuries."

"They are in top shape. Andy has been in top shape on this court. It's a Grand Slam final, anything can happen. I believe in myself, it's really one of the best matches I've played in a while."

It will be the first time since 2003 that Federer will not hold any of the four major titles and the first time that neither Nadal nor Federer will not feature in a Grand Slam final since the Australian Open in 2008, when Djokovic beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

"I was ready for another two sets easily," Federer said. "Pity I couldn't push him there. Wish I could have won here for the fifth time, but it wasn't possible tonight."

The finals scenario could open the door for Murray to become the first British Grand Slam singles champion since Fred Perry in 1936 when the final is played Sunday night at Rod Laver Arena.

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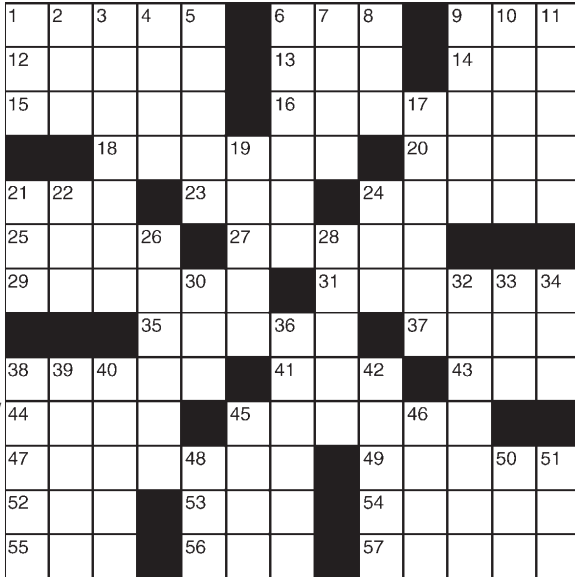
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Across

1 Dublin-born dramatist
6 Sony rival
9 Treasure-hunt aid
12 Bewildered
13 Self expression?
14 Grackle's cousin
15 Tabloid
16 Painkiller
18 Marx collaborator
20 Fourth dimension
21 Regis and Kelly's network
23 Second ph.
24 Winning
25 "Phooey!"
27 Hooded slitherer
29 Take for granted
31 Hollywood statuary
35 Downstairs
37 Unrepaired
38 Trousers
41 A mere handful
43 Cauldron
44 Authentic
45 From the beginning
47 Malign
49 Quickly
52 Female deer
53 Brooch
54 Worth
55 Chances, for short
56 Al Jafar's magazine
57 Cosmetician Lauder

Down

1 Shriek bark
2 Greek vowel
3 Phases

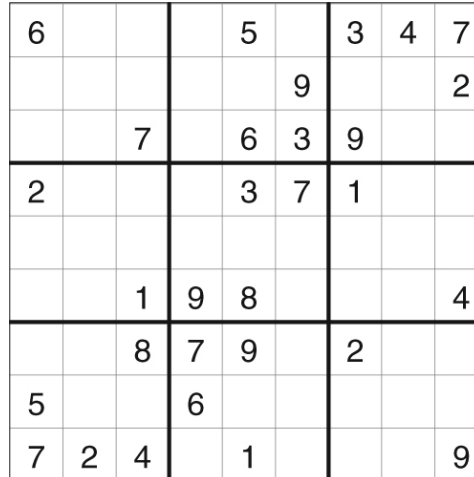


4 Adolescent
5 Beetle Bailey's boss
6 Theater district
7 Mama — Elliot
8 Pump up the volume
9 Donny's sister
10 Inner self, to Jung
11 Languished
17 Home of Odysseus
19 Top
21 Literary collection
22 Clear the tables
24 MGM motto start
26 Barely perceptible
28 Garden shelter
30 Month (Sp.)
32 Paving material
33 Carnival city
34 Bygone flier
36 Arouse resentment
38 Madrid museum
39 Man of morals?
40 Scruffs
42 Make on a loom
45 Largest of the seven
46 Hot tubs
48 Spinning stat
50 Prompt
51 Shoe width

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Any one who tries to pull the wool over your eyes will be lucky to still be standing by the end of the day. Every now and again you have to remind people not to take liberties.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you allow others to distract you today, you won't get much done and that would be a shame as you have so much going for you at the moment. You don't have to be sidetracked by petty issues.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't worry about the rights and wrongs of what you are planning to do because you are under a cosmic protection that means you can get away with almost anything.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Why are you holding back when you don't have to? Could it be your subconscious is warning you of an obstacle of which your conscious mind is not yet aware? Proceed with caution.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 When are you going to step up and take control of a situation that only you can resolve? The longer you let others call the shots, the longer it will drag on. Leo is the sign of leadership, lead.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 There is good and bad in everyone. If you keep that thought in mind today, you should be able to stay on friendly terms with just about everyone. Try not to be judgmental. It never leads to anything positive.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Think twice before you reject an offer simply because you will have to pay for it. Sometimes, you have to give some to get some, and this is certainly the kind of deal you will benefit from in the long-term.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The more others try to tell you that what you are planning is never going to work, the more determined you will be to prove them wrong — and you will.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have fallen into a rut and need to find a way to liven things up a bit. In true Sagittarian fashion it won't be a small way — you'll break all the rules. A more enjoyable groove awaits.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You can't always be on the winning side and what happens today will remind you that success tastes much better when you suffer a few failures. It's all good experience.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Decide on a course of action and stick to it. The more you change your mind about what it is you want to do, the less likely it is you will ever get started. Do something.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Some people can be carelessly hurtful with the things they say, but you don't have to respond in kind. You're a good enough actor to pretend you are not in the least bit upset.

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